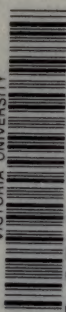


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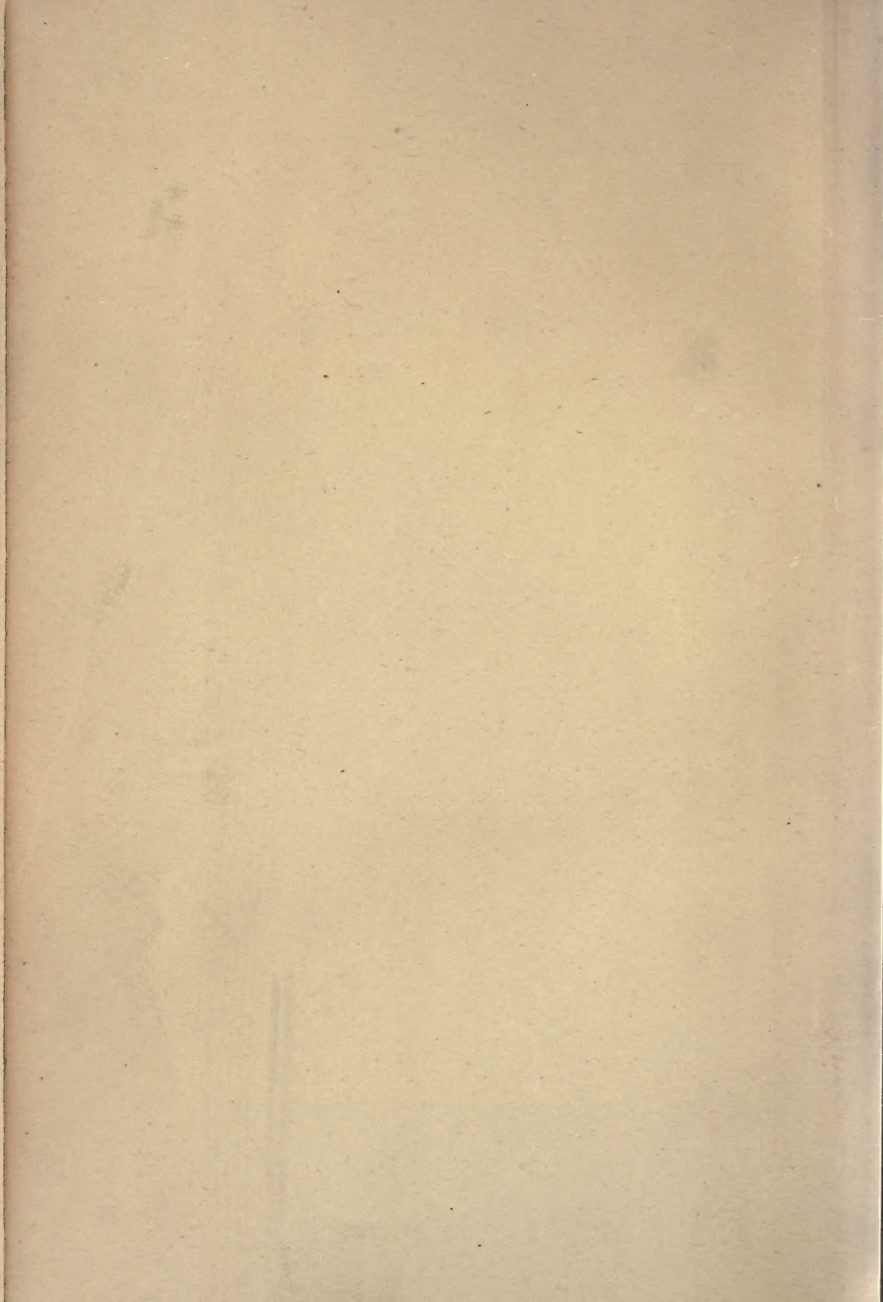
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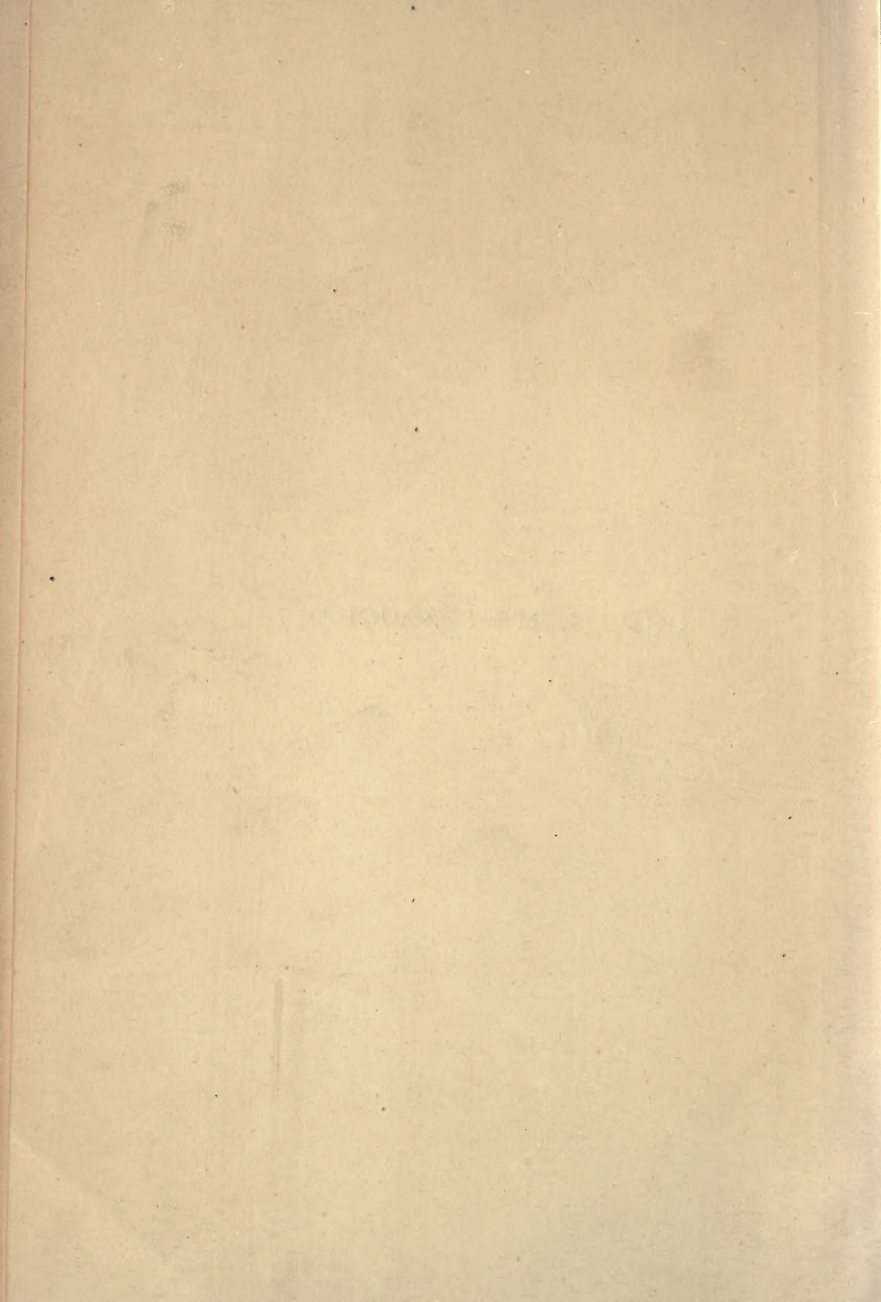
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PREFACE

AMONG ancient literatures the Bible is the only religious book which gives special prominence to the training of children. The Hebrew Covenant was drafted in the name of the rising generation, and parents were enjoined to keep alive the national hope through careful instruction of their posterity. The tradition of the Rabbis laid great stress on the religious education of the young, and this feature of sanctity in child-life has been graciously endorsed in the ministry of Jesus Christ. His welcome to the mothers and children is a pleasing picture of Divine regard for family piety; and His charge, "Feed My lambs," is a tender legacy bequeathed to His Church after the Resurrection. The teaching of the Master early pervaded the home circle of Christian society with refining influence—it even penetrated into the wider area of classic culture, for, as Ruskin remarks, there are no children seen in Greek Art until it is touched by the spirit of the Gospel. The distinctive note of revealed religion articulates the claim of God in favour of the voiceless ones who carry the destiny of the world.

- At no period, perhaps, in our national history has the responsibility for the religious welfare of youth pressed more severely on the conscience and heart of the Church than in the present day. Many social forces conspire to call attention to the shortening of school life—to the putting of the Bible outside the ordinary curriculum of education—and this silent revolution in recent years has raised the question whether the Church is making adequate provision for the religious training of the young committed to her care. There may be room for discussion on the best methods or means of discharging

this duty—there can be little difference of opinion as to the necessity of devising such measures as may effectively protect the children from the secular tendency of the times. The minister and session are trustees charged with a very solemn obligation toward those in a state of pupilage, and any failure in this trust must issue in disastrous consequences. Here if anywhere “prevention is better than cure.”

One has said, “The saving of the children is the solution of all social problems,” and, next to the unique agency at home, there is no instrument so powerful for good as the Sabbath School. Some may reasonably think that the existing system is too rigid for its spiritual function, and ought to be made more elastic in order to meet the growing requirements of this generation. So far as this criticism is just, there ought to be an earnest disposition on all hands to improve the conduct of our schools, so that we may mould without marring the religious character of those entrusted to our charge. We believe there is room for great improvement in the devotional service of our Sabbath Schools, and would recommend to superintendents and teachers the consideration of the best means of infusing reverence into the hearts of the scholars.

The moral tone or atmosphere of a school affects all the classes, and the first condition of successful education is the infusion of a spirit of worship before the lessons are begun. The conventional opening with praise and prayer is often conceived on a level of experience unsuited to children, and passes over their heads as speech in an unknown tongue. One scarcely wonders at the restlessness of juvenile minds under such conditions, for it is simply a natural protest against leaving them outside the petitions at the footstool of the throne. No amount of authority will make up for lack of interest in the service, and it is vain to expect spiritual impressions where sympathy is unknown. We cannot long reflect on the general situation without feeling the urgency of revision in the conduct of devotion, so as to call out the

active intelligence of the young and increase the spiritual affinity of the teacher and the pupil.

All the churches, with an eye to the future, are forced to face the problem of adjustment to the new requirements of the model school, and the consensus of opinion among experts distinctly points to giving the children a larger share in the opening exercise of worship. The Presbyterian Church in America leads the way of improvement in all directions, but in none more efficiently than in encouraging the responsive reading of Scripture as well as in voicing the service of common prayer. The standpoint of the scholar is adopted by the leader throughout this early part of the programme, the latent energies of youthful feeling are brought into play, and the whole school is tuned to reverence before filing into classes. This secures order without effort, and a prepared soil for the sower.

The superintendent holds the key of the position. He can make the school a bright and attractive centre of religious culture, he can gather around him a staff of teachers inspired with kindred motive, and the reflex influence of such fostering care will beget a desire to cultivate the responsive faculty of the silent listeners at prayer. The singing of the hymn is like oil on the troubled waters, the effect is immediate on restive boys, and a little more endeavour in the same direction would more than justify the experiment. Those who have worked this responsive method are fully convinced of its power to captivate wandering thoughts in the devotional service, and their experience as it becomes more widely known will doubtless lead others to consider the duty of giving the method a fair trial. Were it only the repeating together of the Lord's Prayer in the first instance, it is believed the effect would stimulate to further effort, and we venture to appeal to all interested in the success of Sabbath School work in favour of inviting the children to assist in alternate reading and oral prayer. Hitherto we have left this aspect of education largely out of view, and perhaps laid emphasis on instruction at the

expense of inspiration. At any rate, the advantage of developing spiritual resource in a simple way must commend itself to all well-wishers of the next generation of members of the Church. Ministers and sessions possess the power of initiative in all matters affecting the oversight of the flock, and the nurture of the lambs must take a prominent place in their perspective of events, therefore we venture to submit this new departure to their deliberate judgment, in the conviction that it promises a rich harvest of blessed fruit. Let us rise above tradition and routine into the new dawn of heaven, and may the Spirit of all grace direct our path into the untravelled region of sanctified invention. "Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands establish Thou it."

NOTE

As will appear from the Table of Contents following, this volume is divided into two parts, the first containing the material for the guidance of superintendents and leaders of services, and the second the services themselves. Part II. is published separately for the use of the children.

It should be acknowledged that two of the Scripture Readings with Responses, namely those on pp. 54 and 66, are on the lines of Readings in the Rev. J. H. Riddette's "Responsive Services."

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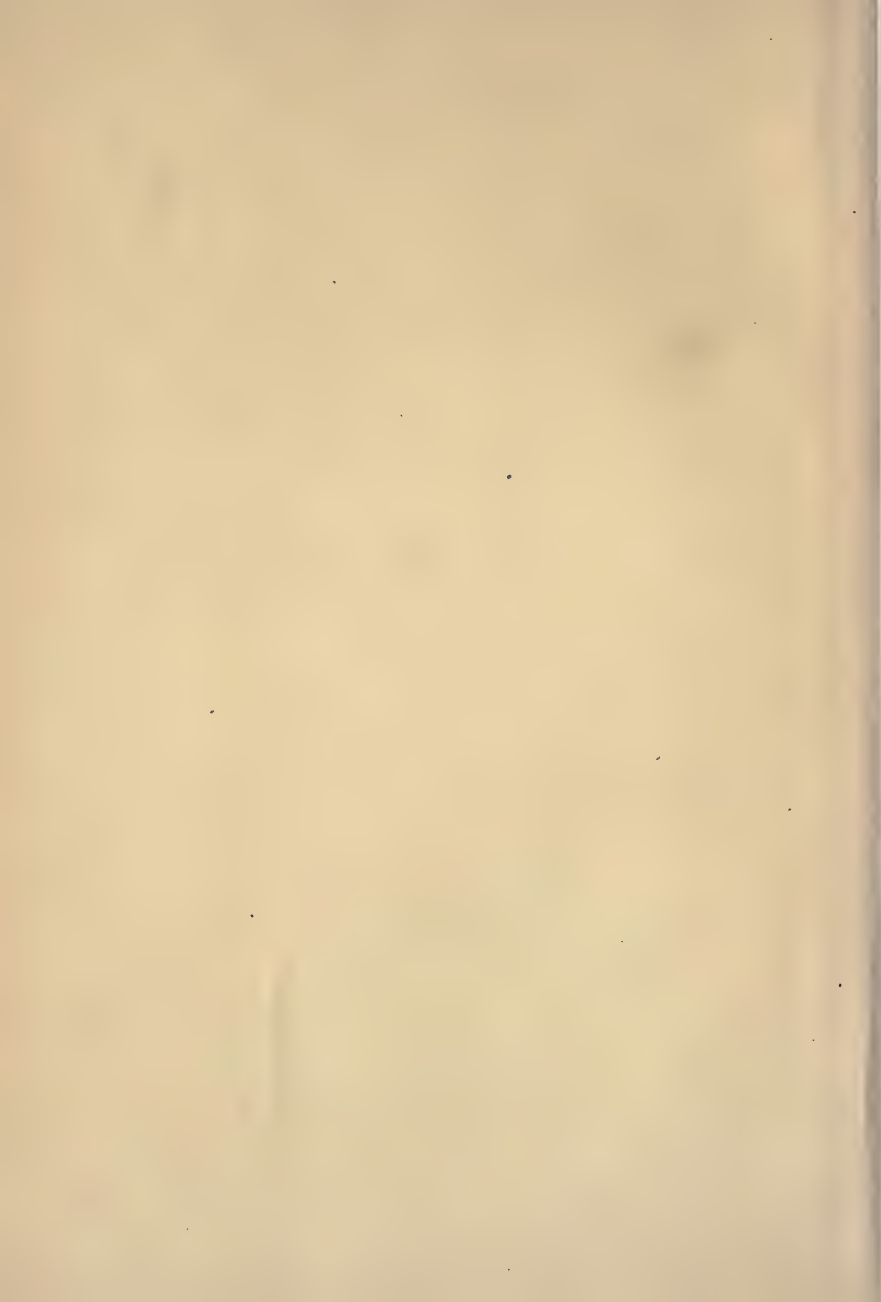
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CHILDREN'S SERVICES
FOR
CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL
PART I



HINTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL

IN recent times the element of worship in the Sabbath School service has been allowed to slip into the background, if not altogether out of sight. There is seldom any reading of the Scripture in what are known as the opening and closing exercises. Praise and prayer are reckoned as preliminaries, and are frequently utilised as sedatives—the means of securing quiet and order—rather than as avenues into the presence of God. The Sabbath School has been almost exclusively looked upon as a place in which to communicate religious instruction, and seldom as a means of eliciting and fostering in young worshippers the spirit of devotion. They who know best and value most the Sabbath School as a religious agency are generally the first to acknowledge and deplore this obvious and serious defect, and they are the most anxious to provide and to apply a remedy. The Sabbath School exists not only for instructing the minds of the young people who assemble there, but also for inclining their hearts to reverence, and their lives to holiness. And this purpose might be quite effectively served if superintendents and teachers would give a little more attention than they usually do to one or two details which may seem unimportant, but which go a long way to secure the very object for which the Sabbath School exists.

First of all, those in charge must try to give more emphasis to the element of worship in the Sabbath School service. Let them be reverential themselves in attitude and demeanour, and by their every act and word impress upon

the minds of the scholars that they are called to the worship of the Most High God. This is the main thing—that they bring the young people under their care to serve God in the school acceptably, with reverence and with godly fear.

But this reverence is not likely to be secured except by attending to some details of system and method. For instance, the scholars must not be allowed to rush into or out of the school helter skelter, as if they were in the playground. Nor must they be allowed to enter at will. Punctuality and order contribute to reverence; superintendents and teachers ought to be in their places promptly at the hour. Where there is an instrument it should be played for a few minutes before the hour strikes; at that moment the doors should be closed while the opening prayer is offered. Thereafter late-comers should be admitted, with instructions to proceed to their own places with quietness and with all speed. The reverence of the school cannot be maintained if some such system is not observed.

In the further conducting of the service in the school much must depend on circumstances, but every care should be taken to make the praise effective. There should if possible be a school choir, meeting regularly for practice, whose chief duty must be the leading of the school praise with skill and devotion. The superintendent should select the hymns to be sung at each service in advance, and send them to the conductor of the choir, to be practised beforehand. Nothing is more hurtful to the praise of the school than that the superintendent should wait until the last moment, and then drop upon the hymn that first meets his eye when he opens the book at the desk, and in presence of the assembled school. A portion of Scripture, however brief, should always be read, the young people taking part whenever that can be done. The prayers should always be simple and short, and the leader should never forget that he is to pray *with* the young people, and not *for* them.

The same order and quietness should be observed at the

close, and the scholars dismissed, not in a crowd, but class by class, while the organist plays a closing voluntary.

Other details might be mentioned, but enough has been said to indicate the channels through which we might expect the spirit of reverence increasingly to flow into the service of the Sabbath School.

PRACTICAL NOTES ON THE CONDUCTING OF CHILDREN'S CHURCH SERVICES

1. It is of great importance that everything shall be so ordered and arranged that the children shall feel that the service is their own, and not just an ordinary service in which they have a larger interest than usual.

2. That this may be so, it is most desirable that sufficient accommodation should be reserved for the children in the centre of the church.

3. As to the seating, it is of great importance that the number to be comfortably seated in each pew should be determined beforehand, and rigidly adhered to.

4. Office-bearers or teachers should be stationed in the aisles, and should see that the children's and other pews, beginning with the front seats, are occupied only by those for whom they are intended.

5. It is desirable that, to avoid any inconvenience to those who thus vacate their seats and have not their accustomed hymn-books, etc., at hand, as well as to ensure that the children are all in possession of the words during the singing, the order of service be printed with all psalms and hymns *in extenso*, and distributed throughout the seats prior to the service.

N.B.—Where this has been done, it is found that these are taken home and treasured by many of the children, and this has largely contributed to greater interest in the services.

6. Where this course is adopted, it is very easy to mark out any reserved areas; e.g. all copies for children's area may be printed on pink, those for choir seats in blue or yellow, and those for adults or visitors in white.

7. This also makes it possible for the service to go straight

on without the pauses and distractions so apt to take place with a juvenile congregation when the minister gives out Hymn No. so-and-so, and this has to be looked up by the congregation. At the close of a prayer or a passage of Scripture the organist may play over the tune of the next hymn, and then choir and congregation rise and sing it. A few minutes are also saved by this course, and the interest is maintained from beginning to end of the service.

8. In order to secure perfect reverence in the service, the office-bearers in charge must be careful to make all their arrangements beforehand, and have a distinct understanding as to place and method of seating the children, and of the arrangements for the suitable and reverent departure of the children.

9. With reference to the *gathering* of the children, various methods may be adopted, but the great point to be aimed at is to see that the manner is one which lends itself to behaviour suited to the sanctity of the House of God.

α. Where the church hall is part of the church buildings, it may be well that the children assemble there, be arranged in order of size, and enter in the order of classes during the playing of a voluntary or the singing of a hymn.

β. In the case of a flower service, or where any special decoration of the church has taken place, the children may pass into church as on ordinary occasions, and thus have an opportunity of viewing the flowers, etc., from their seats before the commencement of the service.

10. The passages of Scripture selected and the prayers should be short and simple, and such as even the youngest can comprehend.

11. The hymns should be simple and well known (both words and tunes), so that all may join. Hymns which in their words imply extreme youth should be used with caution, as the older children feel that they are beyond this.

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12. If the hymns are chosen well in advance, they may be used previously in Sabbath School or Band of Hope, and thus complete knowledge of words and tunes, even of unfamiliar but suitable hymns, will be ensured.

13. The sermon should be short, and, except in special circumstances, should not exceed twenty minutes.

14. The offering should be for some object which children can understand, and in which they can take a real and intelligent interest, preferably some object connected with the work of our own church. It should be taken in the church as early in the service as possible, so that the retention of the coins may not disturb the children.

15. Proper measures should be taken to ensure the orderly departure of the children pew by pew according to the instructions of those in charge.

16. If the service is a flower service and is immediately followed by the distribution, by the children themselves, of flowers among the sick belonging to the congregation or neighbourhood, further arrangements require to be made for this. These will depend in large measure on individual circumstances, but the following arrangements may generally be found convenient:—

17. On the retiral of the children, as in clause 15, they proceed directly to the church hall, and there take their seats. The Superintendent follows with slips of paper, on each of which is written in a clear and distinct handwriting the name and address of a sick person. He reads out a name and address, and calls for a volunteer to deliver flowers to this person. The child comes forward, receives the paper, and retires again to his or her seat. When all the names are apportioned, the messengers proceed to the church, and each child presents the paper with name and address as a voucher to those in charge, and receives a bunch of flowers and departs on the errand.

18. While this has been going on in the hall, certain ladies, previously appointed, have been engaged in tying up bunches

of flowers, and attaching to each a suitable printed text. It is necessary that they should be informed at the outset of the number required.

19. It is of the greatest importance at all services, especially at children's services, to impress on worshippers the necessity of being seated before the appointed hour, to close the doors during prayer and the reading of Scripture, and only to admit late-comers during singing, when any disturbance they may cause is reduced to a minimum.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

CONFESSION

It not unfrequently happens that confession of sin is made on behalf of young people which does not touch the youthful conscience, because the sins confessed are not the sins of youth. If conscience and heart are to respond, the sins confessed must be such as our young people know to be their own. The following notes are intended to serve as an indication of the kind of sins which young minds might at once recognise, and young hearts readily acknowledge and lament.

FORGETFULNESS OF GOD.—God seldom in our thoughts at all ; hearts filled with thoughts of play and pleasure till no room for thought of God. In daytime not glad in Him ; in night season afraid—sought every light but His.

UNFAITHFULNESS TO GOD.—Called ourselves His. Not listened to His call. Not walked in His way. Been ashamed among our companions to own that we are God's. Declared we will follow, then forsaken and fled.

INDIFFERENCE TOWARD GOD.—Not loved as we might and ought. Not bestirred ourselves to do anything for sake of Jesus Christ who did so much for us. Not cared to pray or sing God's praise, or listen to His word. Been slow to do His will ; ready with reasons for leaving it undone.

UNTHANKFULNESS.—Taken all as of right ; murmured if we had not our heart's desire. Thought all that has come from God our own, and found therein a reason for boasting and

thinking ourselves better than others. Have had heedless and ungrateful hearts.

IMPATIENCE.—Have not been able to wait ; fretted ; been out of temper over trifles. No patience with our work or lessons, with others not so strong as ourselves, who have not our health and joy. Not been kindly to those about us in time of pain or loss. Not tried to see that way of the Cross is the way to the crown.

IRREVERENCE.—Not been impressed by thought of God's greatness ; when sung praise or spoken to Him in prayer used name lightly. Thought of God without fear. In worship let our thoughts wander. Asked blessings at the hand of the Lord and then turned unmindfully away.

SELFISHNESS.—Put our own interests first—wanted best of everything. Not thought of others ; never looked upon them as better than ourselves. Not been glad when they rejoiced, nor grieved when they were sad. Sought our own ends even to the hurt of those around us. Careless or scornful of those weaker or poorer than ourselves.

DISOBEDIENCE.—At home to parents and those who love us. At school to teachers, at work to masters. Sought our own ease rather than law of service and the good of those whom the Lord hath set over us.

UNKINDNESS.—To those who claim our pity and look to us for help. Dumb creatures that serve us. Have been cruel to helpless and harmless. Jested at the halt, mocked the maimed, deceived the blind. Not kindly in deed and speech ; spoken words to stir strife.

UNTRUTHFULNESS.—Not always straightforward. Not always said what we meant. Unfair and unjust in words about others. Added to or taken away from truth. Acted so as to deceive. Been silent when we knew others were speaking falsely.

PLEAS FOR FORGIVENESS.—

Our Frailty.—He knoweth our frame.

Power of Evil.—The devil as a roaring lion goeth about.

Love of Jesus Christ, who said, "Suffer the children to come."

Character of God.—Like as a father pitieth his children.

God's Word that never fails.—He will abundantly pardon.

PETITION

The petitions we offer when we pray with our young people in church or Sabbath School ought to be such as the youthful mind can readily understand and appreciate. We miss the great purpose of our petitions if we ask for that which the young worshippers have not desired, and possibly never thought of at all. We must take care to ask for such gifts as they know to be good. The following are indications of such requests as young hearts might incline to make for themselves.

That God, who is a great God and a great King above all gods, would impress upon our hearts the thought that He is great and His greatness is unsearchable.

Make us to know how good as well as great God is. Teach us He is our Father, and that we need not be afraid when we know His eye is upon us.

That the Lord God, the Keeper of Israel, would keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

Our eyes from tears ; from looking upon that which is evil ; upon which He cannot look.

Our ears from listening to him who speaks evil of our friends and neighbours, who speaks lightly of God, or makes a jest of His holy Word.

Our tongues from all unkind and bitter and false words.

Our hands from every action that is unkind or careless or crafty or cruel or cowardly.

Our hearts from hiding within them any thought or feeling that would make us afraid to open them to God.

That the Lord our God, whose name is Love, would show us in all fair and bright things the gifts of His loving hand.

That He give us hearts to love and serve Him now ; would teach us to love as He loves, not only the good and gentle, but all such as need our love and care.

That the Lord, the God of peace, would give us at all times true quietness of heart, and when the storm of grief or care or passion is upon us, speak His word and let there be a great calm.

That the Almighty Deliverer would break the fetters of fear, and let the oppressed go free ; teach us to fear nought but His frown ; lift us beyond the sway of unkindness and selfishness and lying and envy and jealousy and greed, and lead us into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

That the Lord God, in whose name is our help, would teach us to be obedient at home, diligent at school, reverent in worship, gentle and brave and kindly everywhere, that we may show to all the world our likeness to Jesus Christ our Lord.

That the Holy Spirit would be near unto us to lighten our darkness, and to speak to our hearts His own sweet word of peace.

THANKSGIVING

In our public prayers with youthful worshippers we may find not a little difficulty in giving suitable utterance to the gratitude which young hearts feel. To overcome this difficulty, some of the obvious grounds of thankfulness are here indicated as grounds which all young people who have been taught to pray should at once recognise and appropriate.

For our birth in this land of peace and light and liberty.

For the homes of our childhood ; for a mother's love and a father's care.

For all our friends who have loved and helped us.

For all our teachers who have been faithful and kind ; for all those who had given us instruction in the things of heaven, and taught us to seek God's face, and to live not for our own sakes, but for Jesus Christ.

For all the gladness of our life, the sunshine and the flowers, and our happy hours of play ; for all good books that help and cheer us ; and for the joy that cometh out of all work well done.

For God's most precious gift of His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ ; that He was once a child, and cared for the little ones ; that He called them to Him, and that He loved them so ; that He is still the same, with the same quick eye and tender heart for all their joys and griefs, and that through Him so many have entered into the kingdom of heaven ; that as the Good Shepherd He laid down His life for the sheep ; that He leadeth by the still waters and among the green pastures, gathering the lambs with His arm and carrying them in His bosom ; that He is now exalted at the right hand of God, a Prince and Saviour, yet the elder brother of all the children of God.

For the ministry of the Holy Spirit, so gentle, yet so strong, enlightening, cheering, upholding, leading us with Almighty power, yet with all the tenderness of a mother's love.

For showing us that by the aid of the Holy Spirit even the least of us can do some work for God in the service of others, or in suffering wrong patiently and silently for the sake of Jesus Christ.

For telling us so much concerning Himself in His own Word, and for the gracious assurance that we may by faith become the children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

INTERCESSION

It is the will of God that we should pray for others as well as for ourselves, and it is good that the very youngest of our worshippers be taught that our prayers are incomplete unless we invoke God's blessing upon all those with whom we have ties of kinship or friendship or faith. Prayer for others broadens and deepens the sympathy of young hearts, and is a strong incentive to a larger brotherly love. The following are offered as a few suggestions for prayers of intercession.

That the God of our fathers, in whom all the families of the earth are blessed, may send His grace upon our parents who have loved and tended us, that they may be kept always in His love and peace.

That He may bless our brothers and sisters, and make them all the kinsfolk of His Son Jesus Christ in the doing of His will.

That He may take all our companions into His care; and that Jesus Christ, who loved the company of His disciples, may make all our playmates and school-fellows and comrades His true and loving disciples, keeping them in the hour of temptation, and teaching them to abide firm in their loyalty to Him.

That our good Lord may be kind unto all who are not so well off as we are, giving health to those that are sick, making them patient when they suffer, and helping them in the darkest hour with the thought that He knows what is best.

That God our Father may bless all orphans, and those who have none to love them and none whom they can love; all homeless and heartless and helpless little ones, and help them to find a home and a help, a refuge and strength in Him.

All who work for outcast children in our great cities, that they may find the fruits of their labour in loving, faithful, God-fearing hearts.

That God, King of nations, may bless our native land, and make our young people pure and good and true, that they may follow in the footsteps of godly forefathers who have loved Him and sought to do His will.

That God may endow with His richest grace our Sovereign, King Edward, saving and defending him, settling his throne in justice and righteousness and peace; teaching him in his lofty sphere to do the will of God and to rule our nation for Him.

That God, our Lord and King, may keep all the members of the Royal Family in His fear, and surround them with the nation's love and loyalty.

That God may bless the Church of Christ in all parts of the world; our congregation and minister; our Sabbath School and all our teachers.

That the Lord of the whole earth may remember all missionaries who have gone forth with the light of the Gospel to darkened lands, giving them wisdom and grace; upholding and sustaining them by His love. That He may bless the young in heathen lands, and fill their hearts with the light and the love of Jesus Christ; that His light may be shed abroad upon all nations, and that men may know Him, from the least to the greatest, and all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God.

PRAYERS

AT THE OPENING OF THE SERVICE

I

O Lord our God, who hast said unto us, Seek ye My face, our hearts do now say, Thy face, Lord, will we seek. Hide not Thy face from us. Thou hast never said, Seek ye My face in vain. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts, and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. Shine in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

II

Most gracious God, who hast opened for us the doors of this house and the way of access unto Thee, open Thou our eyes that they may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise. Open Thou our ears; then speak, Lord, and Thy servants shall hear. Open Thou the Scriptures that our hearts may burn within us as Thou talkest with us by the way. Amen.

III

IN SUMMER

O Lord, who hast in Thy great goodness brought us to this brightest season of all the year, and hast set us in the midst of beauty and light, let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. Cause us to know the joyful sound, and to walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. Amen.

IV

IN WINTER

Almighty God, by the breath of whose mouth frost is given, Thou scatterest Thine ice like morsels. Thou hast said unto the snow, Be thou upon the earth. Teach us to read in those things the lesson that through hardship and darkness Thou leadest Thy children on to their highest glory and joy. Amen.

Or this :

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast said unto the children of men, My doctrine shall drop as the rain, fulfil now unto us, Thy servants, the word upon which Thou hast caused us to hope. For as the rain cometh down from heaven, and returneth not thither again, but watereth the earth that it may bring forth and bud, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so let Thy word be ; let it not return unto Thee void, but let it accomplish that which Thou pleasest, and prosper in the thing whereto Thou hast sent it. Amen.

CONFESSION, SUPPLICATION, AND
THANKSGIVING

I

O Lord our God, who in Thy great love hast cared for us all our days with more than a father's love, we lift our hearts to Thee and bless Thy holy Name. We give Thee thanks for all the good things of the life that now is ; for in our health and strength and love and joy and peace we see the gifts of Thy strong, kind hand. But Thou hast given unto us greater things than these, and so we bless Thee for the wisdom which is from above ; for the loving kindness which is better than life ; for the peace which passeth all understanding, and keepeth heart and mind through Christ Jesus. Freely hast

Thou given Him unto us, and freely also with Him hast Thou given unto us all things. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

O Lord our God, Thy love to us in Jesus Christ makes us think how little we deserve it all. We have not done as we should. We have been thoughtless and unkind and proud and selfish and untrue. O Lord, who seest into the heart of all things and into all things of the heart, search us and know our hearts, try us and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Bless us as we gather here. Forgive us all. Grant us Thy pardon and Thy peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

II

O Lord our God, unto whom all praise is due, hear our glad song, for therein we offer the love of our hearts unto Thee. Thou hast blessed us all our days. Thou hast kept us safe. Thou hast been mindful of our wants. Thou hast given unto us all our joys. Thou hast been kind to us when we were unkind to others. Thou hast remembered us when we were forgetful of Thee. Thou hast been a father to us even when we were unloving and disobedient. O Lord, forgive us. Turn not away Thy face from us, but in and through Jesus Christ receive us graciously and love us freely. Help us henceforth to do Thy will in all things, to be gentle and pure and true, and brave to do that which is right. Let it be ours to follow Christ wheresoever He may lead us, though the way seem dark and long. Bring us all at last home to Thyself, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

III

Blessed be Thou, O Lord our God, in whom we live and move and have our being, for all the glad things of our life,

and for all Thy care over us day by day. Help us always to live as in Thy presence. Let not the thought that Thine eye is upon us in our work or play, in the daytime or in the darkness, make us afraid; but let the sense of Thy nearness gladden our hearts, and teach us to live purely, rightly, nobly, as if we saw Thee whom we cannot see. We know that our life has not been wholly Thine. Thou hast not been in our thoughts. We have not done Thy will. We have been proud and hard and selfish, and disobedient and unforgiving. O Lord, we are grieved because our sins have been so many, and because they have vexed Thy pure and kind heart. Grant us Thy pardon; let Thy peace be ours. Help us to love and serve Thee more and better than we have ever done before. Make us Thy messengers to all around us. Teach us to be kind and gentle to the dumb creatures that serve us. Show us how to be helpful to our friends who are weak and ill, and help us daily to become like Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

IV

Our Father in heaven, we lift up our hearts to Thee in thanksgiving for all Thy mercies. We thank Thee for life and health and every blessing we enjoy. We praise Thee most of all for Jesus Christ Thy Son our Saviour, and for the love and the gladness that come to us through Him.

We do not deserve Thy goodness, O Lord, for we have sinned against Thee. Our hearts are full of evil and we cannot be happy till Thou hast made them clean. We have wandered from Thy holy way and strayed in evil paths. We confess our faults, O Father, and ask Thy forgiveness. We believe that Jesus died to take away our sins, and we pray Thee by Thy Spirit to make our hearts pure and our lives holy.

Help us to love Thee more and serve Thee better. In our words and in our deeds, in our work and in our play, may we seek to please Thee. Guard us against all that is wrong and give us strength against every temptation. Grant us, O God, Thy Holy Spirit, and may He teach us to be wise and true. Make us kind and gentle in our behaviour from day to day. Help us to do our duty to our parents and our teachers and to Thee, our God—ever learning what Thou wouldst have us know. May we do in all things as Jesus Christ would have us do, and be ready at all times to follow Him.

Every blessing we ask for His sake. Amen.

v

O God our heavenly Father, we seek Thee now in prayer. Thou madest us and we are Thine. All that we have is Thine also. We ought to serve Thee with all our powers of body and of mind; but we confess that we have not done so. We have lived as if we were our own. We have forgotten Thee. Help us to acknowledge our sins before Thee. We offer no vain excuses. We ask Thee to be merciful to us for Jesus' sake.

O Lord, we give Thee thanks that we live in the times of the Gospel. We praise Thee because Jesus has taught us that Thou art our Father. We bless Thee that He loved us and died for us on the cross, and that He now lives and reigns in glory to help us. We give Thee thanks also for the Holy Spirit, and for all the good thoughts and desires He breathes into our hearts. We bless Thee for Thy Word and for those who teach us its truths. We thank Thee for our homes, for the love of parents and friends, and for everything that makes life beautiful and happy.

Heavenly Father, we desire to be Thine in Christ Jesus. We count ourselves to be bought with a price. We give ourselves wholly to Him who laid down His life for us. O to love Him with all our heart and soul and strength and mind! O to trust Him always and to walk as He walked! Thou

blessed Spirit, bind us wholly to the service of our Saviour. Free us from a selfish heart, and make us gentle, obliging, obedient, true; and do Thou bring us at last to the land where there is no sin and where all is quietness and peace. All this we ask for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

INTERCESSION

I

O God, our heavenly Father, who in Thy mercy has brought us hither, and by Thy love hast awaked our hearts to consider the wants and the woes of others, hear us, we beseech Thee, when we commit to Thy Fatherly keeping all who are poor, and lonely, and sick, and sad. Show to all Thy poor ones the unsearchable riches of Christ. Give them contentment in the thought that they have Jesus Christ as their Friend. Comfort all lonely ones with Thy company. Bring peace to all suffering ones by the skill and power of Christ.

Remember all in this and other lands who do not hear, as we do, the glad tidings of great joy. Send forth the angel-message as of old, telling that for them also is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Shed upon all who sit in darkness the sunshine of the Saviour's love.

O Lord, forgive all who have done any evil against us. Teach them to love Jesus Christ, and for His sake to love all who love Him.

Keep all who are dear unto us from the evil that is in the world, and bring them at last to Thy kingdom and glory.

We pray God that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

II

O Lord our God, who art good unto all, hear us when we beseech Thee to let Thy richest blessing descend on all for whom Thou hast taught us to pray. Remember in Thy love

all those who are ignorant and out of the way. Recall those who are wandering ; guide all wayward ones. Uphold all who are ready to faint and fall ; suffer them not to stumble or to turn aside from the way of Thy commandments. Encourage all who are seeking the truth, and let them find it in Jesus Christ and in Thee. O Lord, in Thy Fatherly pity shelter the outcast, protect the orphan, heal the sick, comfort the sad, save all those whose steps are turned toward darkness and death. Teach all who bear the name of Christ to share His mind, and incline their hearts toward the weary and the poor and the distressed. Give light to all who are in darkness, and deliver them from all their fears. Bless all tried and tempted ones, and those exposed to any danger by land or sea. Bless our country and our King. Keep us in peace and in the fear of God. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts ! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory ! Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high ! Amen.

III

O Lord our God, whose will it is that we should pray for all men, hear us when we beseech Thee to bestow Thy richest blessing upon all who have shown us kindness and for whom we care. Bless all who are bound to us by ties of kinship—our parents and brothers and sisters ; all bound to us by ties of friendship—classmates, companions, friends ; all bound to us by ties of faith—our fellow-believers in Jesus Christ. Teach them with us that they are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ—children of the one Father in heaven. Bless all who are as yet in darkness and know Thee not. Let the dayspring from on high visit them and guide their feet into the way of peace. Lift on them the light of Thy countenance. Turn them again, O Lord God of hosts, cause Thy face to shine, and they shall be saved. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

IV

O God, our blessed and merciful Father, of whom every family in heaven and earth is named, incline Thine ear and hear our prayers for all the children of this and other lands, that they may be knit together in the bonds of love and loyalty to Thee. Bless all who in school are learning with us the wisdom of the life that now is, and endow them with the wisdom that cometh from above. O Thou who art the source of wisdom and knowledge, make them and us wise unto salvation. Remember, in Thy loving-kindness, all our play-mates and companions, and teach them to see that we and they are brothers and sisters, because we have all learned of Jesus Christ. Forgive and bless, we pray Thee, all who have done us any wrong. Take care of all who are beyond our care, and who care not for themselves. Give them Thine aid, and keep them always from the harm they do not see. Help all who are trying to bear the cross, and doing what they can to make the lives of others pure and glad. Keep all who work for Thee from being weary in well-doing, and let them know that their labour is not vain in the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting, and let all the people say Amen. Hallelujah ! Amen.

V

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of mankind, who hast commanded us to pray for others, we intercede with Thee, in behalf of all whom we ought to remember at the throne of grace.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord

That it may please Thee to remember in mercy our parents and friends, and all who are near and dear to us. Bless our teachers and all who instruct us and train us in the way we should go. May grace, mercy, and peace rest upon them all.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to remember in love and pity all who are in trouble or distress. Grant, if it be Thy holy will, that those who are sick may be restored, that those who are in distress may be relieved, and that any that are appointed to die may be prepared to meet Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all children whose parents are careless, cruel, or ungodly, and who are not trained to walk in the way of Thy commandments. We pray for all orphans, and for any who have none to love them and none to love. Be a father to the fatherless, O God, in Thy holy habitation.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless Thy servant, our Sovereign the King, and all who rule this great empire. May they be guided by Thy wisdom, and be led to do those things which shall be for the good of our country and for the glory of Thy holy Name.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless Thy cause in distant lands. Have mercy on those who worship idols. Bless all missionaries of the Cross. Hasten the time when the Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole earth, and when all shall know Thee, from the least to the greatest.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring wars to an end. May the day soon come when nation shall not fight against nation. May the Prince of Peace reign in every land.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For the Church of Christ throughout the world. Remove the difficulties that hinder her progress; and grant that all

who confess Thy holy Name may be filled with Thy Spirit, and agree in the truth of Thy holy Word.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all who preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ ; for all Ministers, Sunday School Teachers, and for all who are seeking to advance the kingdom of righteousness. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. Let the people praise Thee, O God ; let all the people praise Thee.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.—AMEN.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL

I

Lord God, who hast once more spoken unto us this day, teach us now to hide Thy word in our hearts, that we sin not against Thee. Let Thy word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Help us to hate vain thoughts and to love Thy law, to delight in Thy statutes and not to forget Thy word ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II

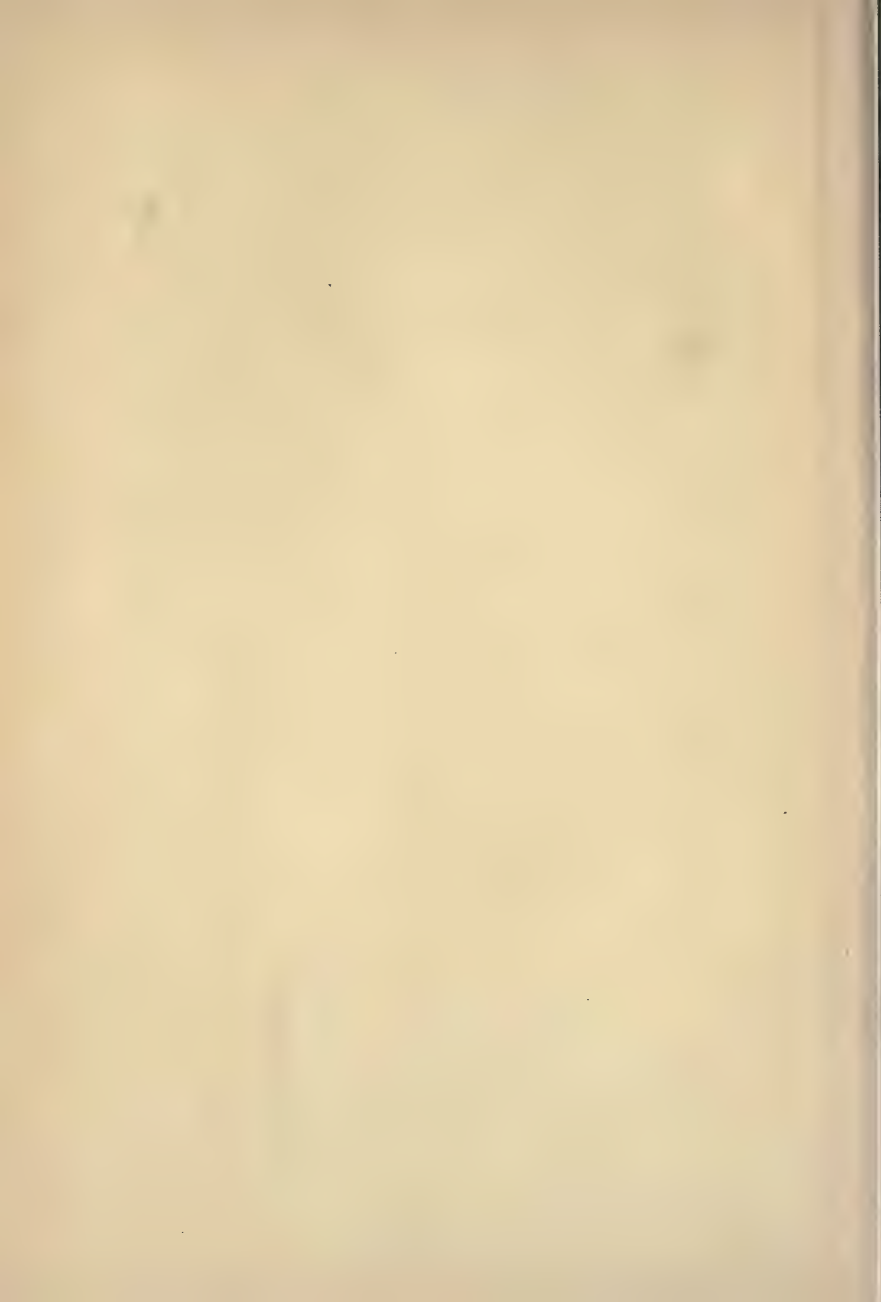
Most blessed and gracious Lord, who hast ever been to those who have loved and served Thee the greatest and the best of teachers, show us Thy way ; lead us in Thy truth and teach us. Let Thy word dwell in us richly in all wisdom. Help us as we go hence, and evermore, to find in our daily tasks the lessons of Thy love, and make our everyday life a school in which we shall learn to be like Thee in wisdom and patience and lowliness and love ; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

FOR

CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL

PART II



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INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE WITH RESPONSES

I

I love them that love Me, and they that seek Me early shall find Me.

O God, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee.

Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not ; for of such is the kingdom of God.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him : let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

I will extol Thee, my God, O King, and I will bless Thy Name for ever and ever.

II

O sing unto the Lord a new song : shew forth His salvation from day to day.

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Sing forth the honour of His Name ; make His praise glorious.

I will sing unto the Lord so long as I shall live.

Sing praises unto the Lord that dwelleth in Zion.

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

III

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

We will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

IV

Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever.

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Tune—OLD 100TH.

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

V (MISSIONARY)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

Tune—ST OLAVE.

*Let people praise Thee, Lord,
Let people all Thee praise;
O let the nations be glad,
In songs their voices raise.*

VI

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

For His merciful kindness is great towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His Name.

Tune—EFFINGHAM.

*Now blessed be the Lord our God,
The God of Israel,
For He alone doth wondrous works,
In glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name
To all eternity:
The whole earth let His glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.*

VII

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the Name of the Lord.

Chant.

R. WOODWARD.

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O magnify the | Lord with | me,

And let us ex | alt His | Name to | gether.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Zion. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ; He hath blessed thy children within thee.

Let the people | praise Thee, O | God ;

Let | all the | people | praise Thee.

Both young men and maidens, old men and children : let them praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the | Name of the | Lord

From this time forth | and for | ever | more.

VIII

Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

*I will arise, and go to my father, and will say unto him,
father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am
no more worthy to be called thy son.*

IX

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength ; they shall mount upon wings as eagles ; they shall run and not be weary ; they shall walk, and not faint.

*I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I
hope.*

O come, let us worship and bow down ; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*For He is our God ; and we are the people of His pasture, and the
sheep of His hand.*

X

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name ; bring an offering and come before Him :

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Fear before Him all the earth.

I will worship toward Thy holy temple.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

XI

O sing unto the Lord a new song ; shew forth His salvation from day to day.

I will sing. Yea I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Sing forth the honour of His Name, make His praise glorious.

I will sing unto the Lord so long as I shall live.

Sing praises unto the Lord that dwelleth in Zion.

I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

XII

And He spake a parable unto them that men ought always to pray and not to faint.

This is the confidence that we have in Him that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us.

Evening and morning and noon will I pray. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

XIII

Hear the word of the Lord, all ye that enter into His gates to worship.

Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.

To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

The Lord our God will we serve, His voice will we obey.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *

POINTED FOR CHANTING.

Chant, Tallis in F, or Felton in E♭.

(First Form.)

OUR Fáther, which | art in | heaven,
Hál- | —lowed | be Thy | Name.

Thý | Kingdom | come.
Thy will be dóne in | earth, as it | is in | heaven.

Give us this dáy our | daily | bread.
And forgive us our débts, as | we for- | give our | debtors.

And lead us nótt | into temp- | tation ;
Bút de- | liver | us from | evil :

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the pówer | and the | glory.
Fór | ever. | A | men.

(Second Form.)

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hállowed | be Thy | Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be dóne in | earth as it | is in | heaven.

Give us this dáy our | daily | bread.
And forgive us our débts, as | we for- | give our | debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver | us from | evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glóry, for | ever |
A | men.

* *Where there is an organ it is recommended that the Lord's Prayer be recited in monotone with accompaniment (Church Hymnary, 647) ; but where circumstances do not admit of such a usage, one or other of the above forms may be taken.*

RESPONSIVE READINGS

I. SELECTED PSALMS ARRANGED FOR ALTERNATE READING

PSALM I

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord ; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season ;

His leaf also shall not wither ; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so : but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous :

But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM VIII

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth !

Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies,

That Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers,

The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained ;

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him ?

And the son of man, that Thou visitest him ?

For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,

And hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands ;

Thou hast put all things under his feet :

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field ;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD OUR LORD, HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME IN ALL THE EARTH !

PSALM XIX

The heavens declare the glory of God ;

And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech,

And night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and His circuit unto the ends of it :

And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul :

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart :

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever :

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold :

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is Thy servant warned :

And in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors ?

Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins ; let them not have dominion over me :

Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight,

O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer.

PSALM XXIII

The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul :

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :

For Thou art with me ; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies :

Thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM XXIV

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof ; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ? or who shall stand in His holy place ?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart ; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord ;

And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him ;

That seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors.

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory ?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors ;

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory ?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

PSALM XXV 4-14

Shew me Thy ways, O Lord ;

Teach me Thy paths.

Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me :

For Thou art the God of my salvation ; on Thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses ;

For they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions :

According to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord :

Therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

The meek will He guide in judgment :

And the meek will He teach His way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity ; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord ? Him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease ; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him ;

And He will show them His covenant.

PSALM XXXIV 1-22

I will bless the Lord at all times ;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :

The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt His Name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto Him and were lightened ; and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good :

Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

O fear the Lord, ye His saints ; for there is no want to them that fear Him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger ; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me ; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good ?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good ; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart ; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones ; not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked ; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants ; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXVI 5-10

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens ;

And Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains ; Thy judgments are a great deep :

O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O God !

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house ;

And Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.

For with Thee is the fountain of life :

In Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee ;

And Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

PSALM LXV 1-13

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Sion :

And unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against Me : as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts :

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt Thou answer us, O God of our salvation ;

Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea :

Which by His strength setteth fast the mountains ; being girded with power :

Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at Thy tokens :

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it : Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water :

Thou preparest them corn, when Thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly : Thou settlest the furrows thereof :

Thou makest it soft with showers : Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness ; and Thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness : and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks ; the valleys also are covered over with corn ;

They shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM LXVII 1-7

God be merciful unto us, and bless us ; and cause His face to shine upon us ;

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God ;

Let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy :

For Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God ;

Let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase ; and God, even our own God,
shall bless us.

God shall bless us ; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

PSALM XCV 1-11

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

And make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth : the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it :

And His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down : let us kneel before the Lord
our Maker.

For He is our God ; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness :

When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways :

Unto whom I swear in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest.

PSALM XCVI 1-13

O sing unto the Lord a new song :

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His Name ;

Shew forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised : He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols :

But the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before Him :

Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name : bring an offering, and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness :

Fear before Him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth :

The world also shall be established that it shall not be moved : He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad ;

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein :

Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord :

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth :

He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

PSALM C 1-5

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness : come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God :

It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves ; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise :

Be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.

For the Lord is good ; His mercy is everlasting ;

And His truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM CIII 1-22

Bless the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits :

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ;

Who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction ;

Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies ;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things ;

So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide :

Neither will He keep His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins ;

Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame ; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass :

As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;

And the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him,

And His righteousness unto children's children ;

To such as keep His covenant,

And to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens ;

And His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts ; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion :

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

PSALM CVII 1-9, 23-32

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good :

For His mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy ;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,

And He delivered them out of their distresses.

And He led them forth by the right way,

That they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,

Which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths:

Their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,

And are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,

And He bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm,

So that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet;

So He bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

PSALM CXI 1-10

Praise ye the Lord.

I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honourable and glorious: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered:

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear Him :

He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

He hath shewed His people the power of His works,

That He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of His hands are verity and judgment ;

All His commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever,

And are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto His people : He hath commanded His covenant for ever.

Holy and reverend is His Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom :

A good understanding have all they that do His commandments :

His praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIII 1-6 AND CXVII 1, 2

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord from this time forth and evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's Name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations,

And His glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth !

O praise the Lord, all ye nations :

Praise Him, all ye people.

For His merciful kindness is great toward us :

And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

(All) PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXV 1-18

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory,

For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God ?

But our God is in the heavens : He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not : eyes have they, but they see not :

They have ears, but they hear not : noses have they but they smell not :

They have hands, but they handle not : feet have they but they walk not : neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them ;

So is every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the Lord :

He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord :

He is their help and their shield.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord :

He is their help and their shield.

The Lord hath been mindful of us : He will bless us ;

He will bless the house of Israel ; He will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's : but the earth hath He given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

(All) PRAISE THE LORD.

PSALM CXVIII 1-9, 19-29

O give thanks unto the Lord ; for He is good : because His mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress :

The Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side ; I will not fear :

What can man do unto me ?

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me :

Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to put trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

Open to me the gates of righteousness : I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord :

This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise Thee : for Thou hast heard me,

And art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing ; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made ;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord :

O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord :

We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light :

Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee :

Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord ; for He is good :

For His mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX 1-16

Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity : they walk in His ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes !

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments.

I will keep Thy statutes : O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ?

By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee :

O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord : teach me Thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways.

I will delight myself in Thy statutes : I will not forget Thy word.

PSALM CXXI 1-8

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper : the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIX 1-12, 17-24

O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down,

And art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ;

It is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit ?

Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence ?

If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there :

If I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;

Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me ;

Even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee ; but the night shineth as the day :

The darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God !

How great is the sum of them !

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand :

When I awake, I am still with Thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart :

Try me, and know my thoughts :

And see if there be any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXLV 1-21

I will extol Thee, my God, O King ;

And I will bless Thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee ;

And I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised ;

And His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts :

And I will declare Thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness,

And shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion ;

Slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all :

And His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord ; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power ;

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,

And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

And Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall,

And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee ; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
And holy in all His works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him,
To all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him :
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love Him :
But all the wicked will He destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :
And let all flesh bless His holy Name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVII 1-20

Praise ye the Lord : for it is good to sing praises unto our
 God ;

For it is pleasant ; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : He gathereth together the outcasts
 of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars ; He calleth them all by their
 names.

*Great is our Lord, and of great power : His understanding is
 infinite.*

The Lord lifteth up the meek :

He casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ;

Sing praise upon the harp unto our God :

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, Who prepareth rain for the
 earth,

Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food,

And to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse :

He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him,

In those that hope in His mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ;

Praise thy God, O Zion.

For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ;

He hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth : His word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool : He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth His ice like morsels : who can stand before His cold ?

He sendeth out His word, and melteth them :

He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He sheweth His word unto Jacob, His statutes and His judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation : and as for His judgments, they have not known them.

(All) PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXLVIII 1-14

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens : praise Him in the heights.

Praise ye Him, all His angels : praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon : praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for He commanded, and they were created.

He hath also established them for ever and ever : He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps :

Fire, and hail ; snow and vapours ; stormy wind fulfilling His word :

Mountains and all hills ; fruitful trees, and all cedars :

Beasts ; and all cattle ; creeping things, and flying fowl :

Kings of the earth, and all people ; princes, and all judges of the earth.

Both young men, and maidens ; old men, and children :

Let them praise the Name of the Lord :

For His Name alone is excellent : His glory is above the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints ;

Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him.

(All) PRAISE YE THE LORD.

II. SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR USE WITH SIMPLE MUSICAL RESPONSES

THE COMMANDMENTS

Music for Response.

DOH = E $\flat$

M :-	- :- m	s :-	f : m	r :-	- :-	m :-	s : s
D :-	- :- d	d :-	t ₁ : d	d :-	t ₁ :-	d :-	d : d
S :-	- :- s	s :-	s : s	s :-	- :-	s :-	s : s
D :-	- :- d	m :-	r : d	s ₁ :-	- :-	d :-	m : m

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in-

l :-	l :-	s :-	f : m	r :-	r :-	d :-	- :-
d :-	d :-	d :-	r : d	d :-	t ₁ :-	d :-	- :-
f :-	f :-	s :-	s :-	l :-	s : f	m :-	- :-
f :-	f :-	m :-	t ₁ : d	f ₁ :-	s ₁ :-	d :-	- :-

cline our hearts to keep this law

Close of last Response.

s :-	l :-	l :-	s :-	f :-	m :-	r : r
d :-	d :-	d :-	d :-	r :-	d :-	t ₁ : t ₁
s :-	f :-	f :-	s :-	s :-	s :-	s : f
m :-	f :-	f :-	m :-	t ₁ :-	d :-	s ₁ : s ₁

and write all these Thy laws in our

Slow.

d :-	r : d	d :-	t ₁ :-	d :-	- :-
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m :-	f : f	m :-	r :-	m :-	- :-
l ₁ :-	f ₁ : f ₁	s ₁ :-	- :-	d :-	- :-

hearts, we be - seech Thee.

God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not kill.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

THE BEATITUDES

Music for Response—Church Hymnary, 646

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

THE LORD JESUS

Music for Response.

DOH = F.

|| **D** : r | m : s | f : m | r : - || **M** : r | d : r | d : t₁ | d : - ||

1. Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee ; Manifest Thyself to me.

2. I am the Bread of Life ; He that cometh to Me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee ; Thou art Bread of Life to me.

3. I am the Light of the world ; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee ; Thou art Light of Life to me.

4. I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life ; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee ; Life and Truth and Way to me.

5. I am the Good Shepherd : the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. . . . I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of mine.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee ; Thou Good Shepherd art to me.

6. I am the Vine, ye are the branches : he that abideth in Me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee, Source of grace and strength to me.

7. I am the Resurrection and the Life ; he that believeth in Me though he were dead yet shall he live.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee, Vanquisher of death for me.

8. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Jesus ! I believe on Thee ; Thou art all in all to me. Amen.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Music for Response—Refrain of Tune ST CHRYSOSTOM, Church Hymnary, 213.

1. Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore ! O make me love Thee more and more.

2. We love Him because He first loved us. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us.

Jesus, my Lord, &c.

3. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.

Jesus, my Lord, &c.

4. For Christ is He entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Jesus, my Lord, &c.

5. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword ? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

Jesus, my Lord, &c.

6. I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He would grant you that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth,

and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Jesus, my Lord, &c.

7. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Jesus, my Lord, &c.

THE HEAVENLY GLORY OF CHRIST

Chant for Responses.

W. TUCKER.

DOH = A.

|| **Doh** | f : m | f : — || **Doh** | r : d | d : t | d : — ||

1. And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

Worthy is the Lamb | that was | slain

*To receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and | honour,
and | glory, and | blessing.*

2. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Blessing and honour and | glory and | power

*Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the | Lamb
for | ever and | ever.*

3. After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

*Blessing and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honour
and | power and | might*

Be unto our | God, for | ever and | ever.

4. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and them that had gotten the victory stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the

Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, thou King of Saints.

Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glori- | fy Thy | Name?

For | Thou — | only art | holy;

For all nations shall come and | worship be- | fore Thee;

For Thy | judgments | are made | manifest.

5. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth: Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour unto Him.

Alleluia! for the Lord God om- | nipotent | reigneth:

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give | honour | unto | Him.

6. And there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord | God Al- | mighty,

Which art, and | wast, and | art to | come,

Because Thou hast | taken to | Thee

Thy great | power | and hast | reigned.

Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glori- | fy Thy | Name?

King of | Kings and | Lord of | Lords.

GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG

Music for Response.

J. B. T.

DOH = F.

D	r	m	<u>s</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>d</u>	-	<u>f</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>d</u>	-	-	<u>t</u>	<u>d</u>	-	-
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1. My son, forget not My law ; but let thine heart keep My commandments. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee ; bind them about thy neck ; write them upon the table of thine heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes ; and I shall keep it unto the end.

2. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul ; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple : the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart ; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Teach me, O Lord, &c.

3. If the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die, none of his transgressions shall be remembered against him.

Teach me, O Lord, &c.

4. O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments ; then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.

Teach me, O Lord, &c.

5. In the way of righteousness is life ; and in the pathway thereof there is no death. . . . He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul.

Teach me, O Lord, &c.

6. Blessed are they that do My commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Teach me, O Lord, &c.

7. My son, give Me thine heart. . . . Wilt thou not from this time cry unto Me, My Father, Thou art the Guide of my youth ?

Teach me, O Lord, &c.

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F	-	d	-

A - men.

PENITENCE

Music for Response — Refrain of Tune INTERCESSION, Church Hymnary, 393.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness : according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Hear Thou in heav'n Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Hear Thou in heav'n, &c.

3. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight ; that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Hear Thou in heav'n, &c.

4. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts : Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Hear Thou in heav'n, &c.

5. Cast me not away from Thy presence ; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Hear Thou in heav'n, &c.

6. Deliver me from guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation ; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

Hear Thou in heav'n, &c.

Amen.

PROMISE AND PRAYER

Music for Responses.

TALLIS.

DOH=G.

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D :-	d :-d	d :-	d : d	d : d	d :-d	d : d.d	l ₁ :-	t ₁ :-
L ₁ :-	l ₁ :-l ₁	f ₁ :-	f ₁ : f ₁	f ₁ : d ₁	f ₁ :-f ₁	f ₁ : d ₁ .d ₁	r ₁ :-	s ₁ :-

1. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Ask, and it shall be given you : seek, and ye shall find : knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

O Lord our God, hearken and incline Thine ear for Thy Name's sake.

2. If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways ; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin.

O God most High, pardon us and cleanse our hearts, for Thy Name's sake.

3. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you . . . And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

O Lord our Life, cause Thy face to shine on us, for Thy Name's sake.

4. My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. . . . I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

O God our Help, dwell with us and comfort us, for Thy Name's sake.

5. I will bring the blind by a way that they know not : I will lead them in paths that they have not known : I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

O blessed God, teach us and direct our paths for Thy Name's sake.

6. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Lord God of hosts, guard us and deliver us, for Thy Name's sake.

7. The Lord will give strength unto His people : the Lord will bless His people with peace. . . . The Lord will give grace and glory ; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O God of grace, save and love us evermore, for Thy Name's sake.

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A - men.		

MISSIONS

Music for Responses—Tune MILES LANE, Church Hymnary, 91.

1. Jesus came and spake unto His disciples, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you : and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

*All hail, the power of Jesus' Name !
Let angels prostrate fall ;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.*

2. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power : for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing.

*Let every tongue and every tribe,
Responsive to the call,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.*

3. The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of the Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

Hallelujah : for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth ! Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to Him ! He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a Name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

O that, with yonder sacred throng,

We at His feet may fall,

Join in the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all !

SERVICES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

I. SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

I. INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion ; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem : behold, thy King cometh unto thee : He is just, and having salvation. . . . His going forth is prepared as the morning ; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Tune—WINCHESTER.

*Hark, the glad sound, the Saviour comes !
The Saviour promised long ;
Let every heart exult with joy,
And every voice be song !*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. . . . And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God ; we have waited for Him, and He will save us : this is the Lord ; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace !
Thy welcome shall proclaim ;
And heav'n's exalted arches ring
With Thy most honoured name.*

2. PRAYER—*Adoration, Confession, Supplication.*
3. PRAISE—*e.g.*—*Par.* 19 ; *Hymn*, “ *There came a little child to earth,*” No. 584 ; or “ *Hark the herald angels sing,*” No. 28.
4. SCRIPTURE LESSON—*Old Testament* : Psalm lxxxix., vers. 1-4 and 15-27 ; or Isaiah ix., vers. 1-7.
5. PRAISE—*Anthem or Solo.*
6. SCRIPTURE LESSON—*New Testament* : Luke i., vers. 46-55.

7. RESPONSIVE READING.

Music for Responses—Tune KNECHT, Church Hymnary, 293.

DOH = F.

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1. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ; for He hath visited and re-deemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David.

For Christ is born of Mary,

And, gathered all above

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wondering love.

2. There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them : and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not : for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the King

And peace to men on earth.

3. Through the tender mercy of our God . . . the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

No ear may hear His coming ;

But in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him, still

The dear Christ enters in.

4. In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,

Descend to us, we pray ;

Cast out our sin, and enter in ;

Be born in us to-day.

5. I heard a great Voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

*We hear the Christmas angels
Their great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.*

AMEN.

8. PRAYER—*Thanksgiving, Intercession; concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER by all.*
9. PRAISE—*Hymn—e.g.—“See in yonder manger low,” No. 528; or “Waken, Christian children,” No. 532.*
10. THE OFFERING.
11. SERMON OR ADDRESS.
12. PRAISE—*Hymn—e.g.—“I love to hear the story,” No. 545.*
13. BENEDICTION.

II. SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF OUR LORD'S CRUCIFIXION

1. INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES.

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Anthem Music.

*I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him,
Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee,
and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.*

2. PRAYER—*Adoration, Confession, Supplication: concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER by all.*
3. PRAISE.
4. SCRIPTURE LESSON—*Matt. xxvii. 27-54; or Gen. xxii. 1-14 and Phil. ii. 1-11.*
5. PRAISE.

6. RESPONSIVE READING.

OXTON.

Music for Responses.

DOH=C.

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D :-	d : d	t ₁ :-	f :-	m :-	m : f	s :-	- :-	s ₁ :-	- :-

Close of last Response.

d ^l :-	t :-	d ^l :-	- :-
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s :-	s ₁ :-	d :-	- :-

- Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
O Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.
- Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows : yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
O Son of Man, have mercy upon us.
- But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities : the chastisement of our peace was upon Him ; and with His stripes we are healed.
O Son of God, have mercy upon us.
- Christ hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice. . . . In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.
O Christ our Hope, have mercy upon us.
- He His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.
O Lord of Life, have mercy upon us.
- He endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Him hath God exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour.
O Prince of Peace, have mercy upon us.

7. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

O Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

7. PRAYER—*Thanksgiving, Intercession.*

8. PRAISE—*Anthem or Hymn.*

9. THE OFFERING.

10. SERMON OR ADDRESS.

11. PRAISE.

12. BENEDICTION.

III. SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION

1. INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES.

And I beheld and heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth heard I saying, Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Tune—ST MAGNUS.

*To Him who sits upon the throne,
The God whom we adore;
And to the Lamb that once was slain,
Be glory evermore.*

2. PRAYER — *Adoration, Confession, Supplication; concluding with*
LORD'S PRAYER.

3. PRAISE.

4. SCRIPTURE LESSON—*Ps. xvi. ; 2 Tim. i. 7, 10.*

5. PRAISE.

6. RESPONSIVE READING.

Music for Responses—*Tune* VICTORY, *Church Hymnary*, 78.

1. In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn towards the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake, for the Angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won,
The song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

2. And the Angel answered and said unto the woman, Fear not ye ; for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here for He is risen.

The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead,
All glory to our risen head.

Alleluia!

3. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, and did run to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they worshipped Him.

He brake the fast bound chains of hell,
The bars from heaven's high portals fell,
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.

Alleluia!

4. What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Because I live ye shall live also. Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Fear not! I am He that liveth, and was dead ; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia!

7. PRAYER—*Thanksgiving, Intercession.*
8. PRAISE—*Anthem or Hymn.*
9. THE OFFERING.
10. SERMON OR ADDRESS.
11. PRAISE.
12. BENEDICTION.

IV. NEW YEAR SERVICE

I. INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES.

O sing unto the Lord a new song ; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord, bless His name : show forth His salvation from
day to day.

Tune—FARRANT.

*O, with Thy tender mercies, Lord,
Us early satisfy ;
So we rejoice shall all our days,
And still be glad in Thee.*

2. PRAISE—Hymn 571, “ *Brightly gleams our banner.*”
3. PRAYER—*Adoration, Confession, Supplication ; concluding with the LORD’S PRAYER by all.*
4. SCRIPTURE LESSON.
5. PRAISE—*Antiem, or Solo.*
6. RESPONSIVE READING.

Music for Responses—*Tune* INNOCENTS, *Church Hymnary*, 299.

1. The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads : they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Children of the heavenly King,
As ye journey, sweetly sing ;
Sing your Saviour’s worthy praise,
Glorious in His works and ways.*

2. They shall come from the east and from the west and from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God. . . . Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

*We are travelling home to God
In the way the fathers trod ;
They are happy now, and we
Soon their happiness shall see.*

3. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

*Shout, ye little flock and blest ;
 You on Jesus' throne shall rest ;
 There your seat is now prepared,
 There your kingdom and reward.*

4. We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said,
 I will give it you. . . . It doth not yet appear what we shall
 be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like
 Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

*Lift your eyes, ye sons of light ;
 Zion's city is in sight ;
 There our endless home shall be,
 There our Lord we soon shall see.*

3. Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord. . . .
 Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of
 life.

*Lord, obediently we go,
 Gladly leaving all below ;
 Only Thou our Leader be,
 And we still will follow Thee.—Amen.*

7. PRAYER—*Thanksgiving, Intercession.*
 8. PRAISE—*Hymns 611 or 612.*
 9. THE OFFERING.
 10. SERMON OR ADDRESS.
 11. PRAISE—*Hymn 294 (Paraph. 2).*
 12. BENEDICTION.

V. A FLOWER SERVICE

I. INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES.

The winter is past : the flowers appear on the earth, and the time
 of the singing of birds is come.

Thou, Lord, hast made summer and winter.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have
 pleasure therein. . . . He hath made everything beautiful
 in its time.

*All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy saints
 shall bless Thee.*

2. PRAISE—*Hymn—e.g.*—"The summer days are come again," No. 492; or "*Summer suns are glowing*," No. 493.
3. PRAYER—*Adoration, Confession, Supplication.*
4. PRAISE—*Hymn—e.g.*—"All things bright and beautiful," No. 521; or "*There is a book, who runs may read*," No. 14.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON—*Psalm cxlvii. 1-13 and Matthew xxi. 1-16; or Psalm ciii., read alternately by the Minister and the Children as follows:—*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

Who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;

Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;

So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide;

Neither will He keep His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins,

Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass;

As the flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;

And the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him,

And His righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep His covenant.

And to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens ;

And His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts ; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion :

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

6. ANTHEM OR SOLO.

7. RESPONSIVE READING.

Chant for Responses.

J. BATTISHILL,

DOH = A.

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1. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit, after his kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth. . . . And God saw that it was good.

O let the earth | bless the | Lord.

Yea, let it praise Him and | magnify | Him for | ever.

2. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that He may bring forth food out of the earth ; and wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

O all ye green things upon the earth, | bless ye the | Lord ;

Praise Him and | magnify | Him for | ever.

3. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it : Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God which is full of water. . . . Thou makest it soft with showers ; Thou blessest the springing thereof.

O ye showers and dew, | bless ye the | Lord ;

Praise Him and | magnify | Him for | ever.

4. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works unto the children of men.

Tune ST OSWALD, Church Hymnary, 459.

Praise the Lord, ye thankful people,

For His love so full and free :

Worship Him in truth and spirit,

Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea.

5. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow ; they toil not neither do they spin ; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

O ye flowers of the field, | bless ye the | Lord ;

Praise Him and | magnify | Him for | ever.

6. Therefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith ?

O ye servants of the Lord, | bless ye the | Lord ;

Praise Him and | magnify | Him for | ever.

7. As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth : so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

O ye children of men, | bless ye the | Lord ;

Praise Him and | magnify | Him for ever.

8. Let the people praise Thee, O Lord ; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase ; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Praise the Lord, ye thankful people,

For His love so full and free :

Worship Him in truth and spirit,

Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea.

8. PRAYER—*Thanksgiving, Intercession ; concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER by all.*

9. PRAISE—*Hymn—e.g.—“ O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea,” No. 423 ; or “ For all Thy love and goodness,” No. 490.*

10. THE OFFERING.

11. SERMON OR ADDRESS.

12. PRAISE—*Hymn—e.g.—“ God, who made the earth,” No. 526.*

13. BENEDICTION.

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